



Weekly Bulletin Humanitarian Action in Southern Sudan Week 33, 17 – 23 August 2008

SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ 50% NFI needs met in Aweil, NBeG State (*see Section IV, NFIs*)
- ✚ Isolated incidents of flooding reported (*see Section II*)
- ✚ Armed escorts facilitate delivery of 693MT to Sobat Corridor (*see Section IV, Food*)

I. FOCUS ON STABILITY AND SECURITY (*from UN Security*)

- Jonglei State: - Yuai area and generally Wuror and Duk Counties have been raised to UN Security Level 3 with effect from 22 August 2008 because of cattle related inter-clan/tribal clashes and tensions in the area. Any movement into the area by UN and partner INGO staff should be strictly coordinated by UN Security in liaison with the local government authorities.
- Central Equatoria State (CES): The road stretch between Gondokoro and Parlak on the Juba – Bor road has been raised to Security Level 3 with effect from 21 Aug 2008 due to insecurity along the road and tribal clashes in the general area of Gemmaiza. Armed escorts are mandatory.
- Eastern Equatoria State (EES): After re-assessment, the road stretch from Torit to Kapoeta has been reduced to Security Level 2 with effect from 14 Aug 08.
- Northern Bahr el Ghazal State: - The Aweil – Wau road re-opened for traffic following completion of road works at Gete River area. Vehicles including commercial trucks have already started plying the route.
- All of South Sudan is UN Security Phase-III.

II. CURRENT ISSUES (*from WFP, OCHA*)

Flood Watch

- Flooding was reported in Sobat corridor in Upper Nile State during the reporting week. Some 1,700 residents in five villages in the corridor were displaced to Benytic and Jikmir locations south of Nasir. Floods were first reported in Southern Sudan during the last week of July in Wunrok, Warrap State and Aweil Centre, East and South counties of Northern Bahr el Ghazal.
- An inter-agency team verified and registered 3,700 new beneficiaries



residing in Maper Akot Aru location in Northern Bahr el Ghazal. Of the residents, 3,220 were concurrently assisted with 50mt of one-month food rations during the reporting week. The food intervention exercise was ongoing.

- An inter-agency team comprising RCO, WFP, UNICEF, UNMIS RRR, IOM, WVI, IRC and SSRRC conducted a rapid assessment on a reported 16,870 residents displaced by floods in Perth in Aweil East County, Northern Bahr el Ghazal. The team estimated the affected population at 5,000 residents who settled in Majak Awer location. The team recommended immediate intervention with non-food items including kits, water and sanitation facilities. Food interventions will be carried out once a verification exercise schedule for the coming week is carried out.
- Meanwhile the Sudan Tribune reported that about 3,350 people from 480 households lost shelter following an overflow from Nile River at Baidit Payam, Bor County in Jonglei State. Local authorities are said to have reported that 3,900 cattle have their grazing lands tapered to anthills while 1,470 gardens were destroyed. This report is not yet verified by OCHA EP&R.

III. POPULATION MOVEMENTS AND RETURNS

Returns & Reintegration (from UNMIS/RRR, UNHCR, IOM)

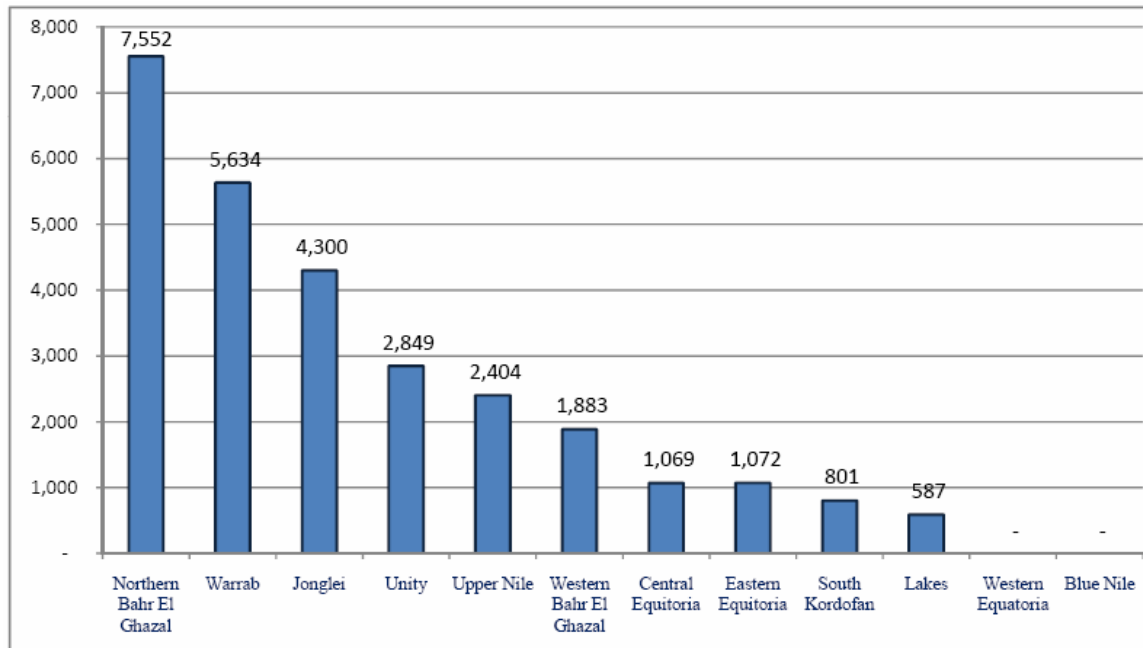
- The Sobat river corridor in Upper Nile State remained insecure, with only a few boats plying the waters to transport basic commodities to Nasser and counties along the route. At an SSRRC co-ordination meeting on 18 August, participants were briefed on the situation and the negative impact it has on humanitarian activities was acknowledged.
- According to UNHCR in Torit, Eastern Equatoria State, all refugees return movements from Uganda and Kenya were halted till November of this year when the rain is expected end.
- The approximately 1,000 IDPs reported in Kudor (35 km west of Torit) continue to face problems like lack of food and non-food items. An inter-agency verification mission assess the needs in the Payam is currently underway.

Cumulative Returns as of 10 August 2008

	IDP	Refugee	Total
Organized Return			
2005		212	212
2006	7,432	25,811	33,243
2007	45,355	50,932	96,287
2008	28,151	60,319	88,470
	80,938	137,274	218,212
Other Organized '07			27,475
Other Organized '08			35,168
Sub Total			280,855
Estimated Spontaneous			1,870,000
Grand Total			2,150,855

*** Estimated figure including both IDP (+94%) and Refugee since 2004

* Estimates Based on ADRA/IOM Kosti Tracking Figures & RRR Field Offices
 ** Estimated figure including both IDP and Refugee in 2008



The bar graph above shows organized IDP returns for all operations as at 10 August 2008.

[Disclaimer: Although due care has been taken to make the best out of the available information, the figures presented here are based on estimates. - UNMIS, RRR August 2008]

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: UNMIS/RRR, UNHCR, IOM)

IV. SITUATION, NEEDS AND RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Disease outbreaks (from MoH/WHO)

- **Cholera:** - Out of 18 stool samples collected from Aweil town and the surrounding areas, six tested positive for cholera by culture. Four were confirmed in Norway and the other two in Nairobi.
- **Acute Watery Diarrhoea:** - Fresh rumor of three deaths due to AWD have been reported in a primary health care unit (PHCU) in Aweil South County. However, the verification team confirmed one death with no cases at the facility and its catchment area. Some of the activities initiated by the response team (supported by Tear Fund) include health education, hygiene promotion and water chlorination.
- **Animal deaths:** - state health authorities in Northern Bahr El Ghazal received reports of increased animal deaths in Aweil North County. FAO is organizing a team from Juba to verify this.

Health (from UNICEF)

- Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) cold-chain supervisors have been carrying out social mobilization activities at various locations in Wau.
- The state Ministry of Health in Western Bahr El Ghazal, with UNICEF support, organized two training sessions on prevention of mother to child HIV/AIDS transmission, one in Wau for 20 maternal health workers and another in Raja County for 10 Midwives. The objective of the training was to develop a community

mobilization strategy to encourage pregnant mothers to access HIV/AIDS prevention of mother to child transmission services and to seek follow up care.

- Polio SNIDs in both Upper Nile and Unity were conducted but many areas were not reachable due to rain. In Malakal County, 29,204 children between 0 – 5 years of age were vaccinated against polio during SNIDs. Results from Unity and other eleven counties of Upper Nile are yet to be received.
- 2,000 mosquito nets, 2 delivery beds and 12 PHCU kits were supplied to Lopa County in EES and are expected to benefit 12,000 people.
- 838 people including pregnant women and children were treated for opportunistic infections at the ART centre in Juba Teaching hospital. Nevirapine was distributed to support ART and PMTCT programmes.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: Goal, Ministry of Health, MSF-Switzerland, SSRRC, and UNICEF, WHO as sector lead)

Protection (from UNICEF)

- 15 Social Workers participated in a 3-days training session in child protection in emergencies in Northern Bahr El Gazal (Aweil). The training was organized by the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) in NBEG, with financial and technical support from UNICEF.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: UNMIS, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, SSRRC/GoSS,)

Nutrition (from UNICEF)

- Three cartons of Plumpy nut have been provided to the SMOH to support Malakal Therapeutic Feeding Centre (TFC) currently handling 25 children with severe acute malnutrition.
- Breastfeeding leaflets developed by UNICEF have been distributed to partners and the MOH in NBEG, Lakes State and WBEG.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: Goal, Ministry of Health, MSF-Switzerland, and UNICEF as sector lead)

Water and Sanitation (from UNICEF)

- 2 new boreholes have been completed in Maper Akot IDP camp, NBeG State to provide water to people that were displaced by floods. These productive boreholes will be equipped with motorized pumps to increase access to safe water for 6,000 people.
- 80 pit latrines were constructed in Maper Akot Camp, NBeG state through joint collaboration with MEDAIR and government counterparts; an additional 20 latrine slabs were issued to individuals to enable them to construct their own pit latrines to help minimize spread of diseases during the floods.
- Key hygiene and AWD/Cholera prevention messages were disseminated to the general public in Aweil.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: ICRC, Save the Children US, MSF Switzerland, GOAL, Mercy Corps, two local partners, Ministry of Health and UNICEF as sector lead)

Food Aid (from WFP)

Food deliveries to Sobat, Upper Nile State

- WFP food deliveries under armed escort to the Sobat Corridor in Upper Nile State started during the reporting week. A total of 693MT of food is expected to be delivered by end of August. The food includes 400mt for pre-positioning in Nasir rubhall targeting 21,510 beneficiaries monthly from August to December 2008 and 293MT targeting 16,890 beneficiaries along the corridor. The armed escort by the SPLA was negotiated with the local authorities following armed ambushes on both water and land transport vessels along the corridor.

Airlifting of food to Gogrial begins

- WFP commenced airlifting the 527MT of food earmarked for 30,000 Gogrial IDPs in Liethnom, Lunyaker and Thiek Thou in Warrap State during the reporting week. Some 113MT was airlifted to Liethnom in the first five days since the airlift operation started on 18 August. The delivery also includes the first 6.33MT donated by SSRRC and airlifted from Juba. The buffalo aircraft with a capacity of 7MT took a break on 21 August due to inaccessibility of the Liethnom airstrip following rains, and will resume the operation on 25 August 2008. The operation is expected to be concluded by the end of August.
- In Liethnom, WFP, WVI and SSRRC assisted 7,270 Gogrial IDPs with 127MT of food during the reporting week. The number of IDPs targeted in Liethnom was 10,950, and were scheduled to receive 193MT of food. Distribution of non-food items from other partners was also completed. The police provided security to the distribution teams, while the army was on alert to support the police in case of insecurity incidents. Food distributions continue in the coming week while the airlift operation is expected to shift to Thiek Thou, after completing deliveries to Liethnom.
- A WFP team assessed accessibility of Thiek Thou airstrip during the reporting week. The airstrip had been inaccessible due to overgrown grass, which was cleared by the community in the previous week. Deliveries and distributions in the location will start next week.
- An inter-agency nutritional assessment team comprising WFP, ACF-F and WVI completed data collection for the Gogrial IDPs in Lunyaker during the reporting week, and moved on to Liethnom. The assessment is expected to inform humanitarian interventions on a planned Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme for the Gogrial IDP children in Liethnom, Lunyaker and Thiek Thou.

PLANNED DISTRIBUTIONS IN GOGRIAL EAST		
Locations	Beneficiaries	MT
Lunyaker	13,802	242.23
Liethnom	10,980	192.7
Thiet Thou	5,218	91.58
TOTAL	30,000	526.51

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: World Vision, Save the Children USA, Mercy Corps and WFP as sector lead)

Education (from UNICEF)

- 748 cartons of exercise books were transported from Wau to Gogrial West County for distribution to schools in the county.
- Construction of 3 latrines is on-going in 3 Child Friendly Schools (CFS) in Unity State.
- 20,000 school bags were sent to Upper Nile for distribution to schools in the state.

- A total of 17,000 school bags were sent to Eastern Equatoria for distribution amongst primary school students.
- 3 Girls' Education Movement clubs comprising 42 members were established in Khorfulus, Toume Tim and ECS Basic Schools.
- The rehabilitation of the Central Equatoria State Ministry of Education warehouse is on-going and is expected to be completed by the third week of September.

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: UNICEF, GoSS/MoEST, SCF-UK, Norwegian Refugee Council, World Vision, ADRA, Concern, IAS)

Mine Action (from UNICEF)

- MAG is conducting community awareness in areas of mine risk in Warrap and Western Bahr El Ghazal. Mine risk education materials have been donated by UNICEF for community awareness and teacher training
- Mine Risk Education (MRE) awareness rallies were conducted in Baliet Payam. Activities included showing of unexploded ordinances (UXO) to cattle herders and school children who attended the training session. About 302 children and adults participated (189 males and 113 females).

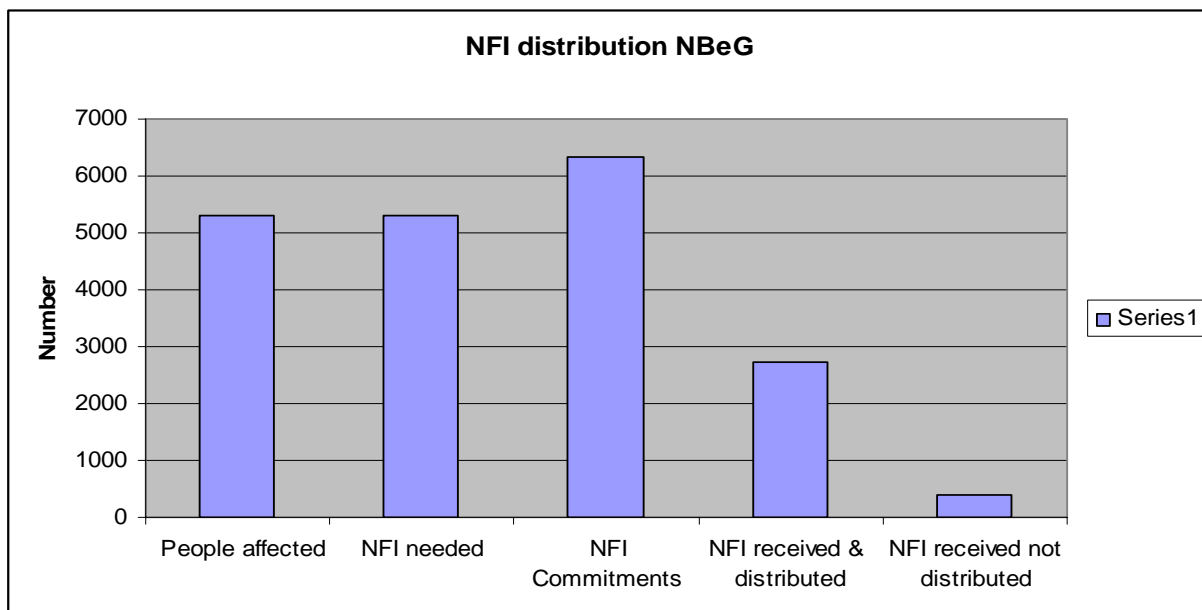
(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: United Nations Mine Action Office)

Non-Food Items – NFIs (from OCHA EP&R)

- Out of 5,292 affected households in Aweil town, only 2,730 (51.58%) households had received the NFIs by the end of the reporting week. Up to 6,336 NFI were committed by different organizations, namely UNICEF, WVI, IOM, and SRCS. The NFI distribution has covered 100% in Malou Awer, Sika Hadiid, Hai Salam and Naivasha. In Maper Akot Aru the distribution is 35.8% done and Hai Toich is still pending. Hai Toich will be covered by NFIs from SRCS, which are pending delivery.
- Christian Solidarity International has received 400 kits of NFI to be distributed to flood affected people in Aweil centre. The kit consist of one mosquito net, one blanket, one plastic sheet, one cooking pot, one sickle, pieces of fishing hooks and ten litres jerry can. Also 1000 mosquito nets were received for Nyamboli in Aweil West.

NFIs Distribution Update – as at 23rd August 2008

People affected	NFI needed	NFI Commitments	NFI received & distributed	NFI received not distributed
5292	5292	6336	2730	400



Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLITNs) Allocation and Distribution in Aweil as at 23/08/08

County/Location	Population (UNICEF estimate for 2008)	Implementing Agencies	Number of LLITNs Available for Aweil	Number for 1 st round distribution
Aweil Town, Centre, North, East, West & South	1,807,169	MSF-F, Malaria Consortium, MoH, Concern, Cordaid, IRC, ACF, Tearfund (5292 HH targeted for NFIs)	30,000	14,000

Note: 14,000 LLITNs are available at UNICEF stores, Aweil. The balance of 16,000 nets is still to come from Rumbek. [For a full breakdown of the above information contact OCHA EP&R – dunlop@un.org]

(Humanitarian Actors in this Sector are: ACF-USA, Caritas, Concern, CSI-USA, Goal, ICRC, IOM, Mercy Corps, MSF-Swiss, SC-USA, SSRRC, UNICEF, WARDS, WFP, World Vision, and UNJLC as sector lead.)

V. ASSESSEMENTS AND MISSIONS

Rapid Assessment Report: Peth, Aweil East, NBEG State Monday 18th August 2008

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